

RED SOX IN PRESENT FORM, SEVEN OTHER CLUBS CAN START BATTLE ROYAL FOR SECOND PLACE

Jack Barry Has a Fighting, Aggressive Team, Which Does Not Appear to Have Done Any Backsliding—Other Sports Comment

THE dope is right. Jack Barry has a fighting, aggressive, hard-working, never-say-die baseball team and if the Red Sox continue to play in their present form seven other clubs in the American League can start to fight it out for second place.

THE get-together spirit of the Red Sox, so ably developed by Bill Carrigan, is evident. The world's champions are still a baseball unit, and as long as they continue to be a unit the club that beats them will have to play a heap of baseball and play it every day.

Athletics Attack Gathering Momentum

THE Macken looked good even in defeat. It is no disgrace even to be beaten four straight days by a club like the Red Sox. We are not admitting for a moment that the Sox are going to win four straight victories in our fair city, for they still have to take the Bush and Jinx Johnson hazards and perhaps one or two others before they can compile a perfect score.

THE fact that the Athletics registered eight hits for ten bases against the pitching of "Babe" Ruth is significant. Any ball team which can step up to the plate and push out eight hits with that great left hander serving them up is achieving something of note.

ONE of the most encouraging features of the afternoon was the splendid pitching of Ellis Johnson, the spitballer from the Vernon Club.

Kilbane and Welsh Will Stage a Wonderful Battle

WHAT promises to be one of the best fights of the year will be staged over in New York two weeks from today, when Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion of the world, meets Freddy Welsh, lightweight champion of the universe.

Kilbane is one of the hardest and cleanest hitters in the game today. This includes everybody, including middleweights. He is built like Bob Fitzsimmons, with broad chest and spindle legs, and when he lands on his opponent's chin, the battle is over.

He even started to "kid" Johnny and that was his downfall. In the second round, Kilbane's right met Patsy's jaw and the youngster was out for almost an hour. Next Thursday Kilbane will box a tough youngster named Matt Brock.

BUT the big bout is with Welsh, and it is possible that Johnny will save himself as much as possible on Thursday. The feather king is anxious to hold two titles, and it's a safe bet that he will attain his desire, if he ever connects properly with the Briton's jaw.

Almost Encourages Professionalism

SUNNY, romping, frolicking May Day will mark the inauguration of the nice, new "amateur" ruling of the Western Golf Association. It applies only to golfers from Chicago over to the wave-splashed strand of the Pacific Coast.

The climax is reached when the westerners claim the right to debar a player from amateur competition if it is their opinion that he is a pro, even though they may not be able to convict him under any of the army of clauses at their disposal.

And They Wonder Why Hollenback Wears a Smile!

THEY never poetic justice is, here's something that seems to come under that heading. The plot is built around one William Hollenback, former Penn State hero, who has had many adventures as a coach since those days, but is now turning to himself as his most recent one.

OH, MAN!



SIR WALTER MIGHT BE SLIPPING, BUT MANY CLUBS DO NOT RELISH FACING THE IDAHOAN'S SHRAPNEL

By GRANTLAND RICE At the Edge Work is dull and play is duller Where the mighty shadow waits, Where the crimson flame draws nearer And the storm is at our gates; With divided concentration, Each must grope across the bridge— What is sport or love or labor In the gloom of Vimy Ridge?

JIM TODD SHOWS WELL AT SECOND FOR PENN

Has Good Chance of Clinching Job Formerly Held by Link Roat

Link Roat, who was slated for the second base post at Penn before he injured his knee, is again in form and ready for "active service," but the young man who formerly starred for West Philadelphia will have a hard job getting back his position.

Wesley Oler, Yale's famous high jumper, has done considerable leaping in his young life, but he made a jump recently that goes down as a new record for him.

Yes, Sammy Moore, captain and third baseman of the Penn nine last year, is still in college and oh, yes, he's out for the team.

"WHAT sport," queries R. L. L., "do you think will furnish the greatest proportion of men for war?" Without any undue hesitation we should say football. Undoubtedly.

Johnson's Span

Walter Johnson began his eleventh major league season with a shutout, attached to three hostile hits. Judging from those who saw him work, the Idaho Shrapnel has as much speed today as he had ten years ago.

The National star is not only a pitcher with rare physical power, but he has one of the easiest pitching motions ever known. There isn't a jerk or a kink in his delivery.

Johnson is now only twenty-nine years old. As he takes the best care of himself and rarely worries under fire, he should have at least eight years more.

Washington may be no pennant contender, but there are seven ball clubs who will not be caught chattering on the days that find Weiser's favorite son in the rifle pit.

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL TENNIS CHAMPS TO START IN THIS CITY ON JUNE 18

Two Hundred and Twenty-five Tournaments Are Scheduled for This Season—Intercollegiate Play at Haverford on Program September 10

THE tennis schedule for 1917 announced by the United States National Lawn Tennis Association contains 225 tournaments. These tournaments will be held as scheduled, unless the executive committee of the national association decides to cancel the entire schedule on account of the international situation.

Action of this sort, however, will be taken only when the executive committee has been advised by the military authorities. The present indications are the schedule will be played out.

It is generally taken that those players who are not drafted for service or are not eligible will continue to play, and it is understood that the national association will control the play.

Each of the 225 tournaments on the schedule announced has been sanctioned by the association. Clubs receiving sanction are situated all over the country, and in each section sectional and State championships will be held.

This year's schedule has about twenty-five more dates than last year's. No junior or interscholastic tournaments have been listed, as these will appear on a junior schedule to be announced about May 1.

The national championship for men will be held on the turf courts of the West Side Tennis Club at Forest Hills, L. I., beginning August 20. The junior and boys' national championships will be played simultaneously at the same club.

The women's championship will be played at the Philadelphia Cricket Club, beginning June 18. The men's clay court championship will start July 7 on the courts of the Ohio Lawn Tennis Association at Cincinnati. The doubles championship will be held by the Longwood Cricket Club, of Boston, August 13.

An East-West team match has been sanctioned to be played at the West Side Tennis Club, New York, August 10 and 11, and an intercity match for the Church Cup will be played at the Merion Cricket Club, June 24 and 25.

Tournaments in this vicinity follow: May 28—Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, women's championship of Pennsylvania and Eastern States.

June 8—Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Intercity championship, Church Cup. June 11—Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, Pennsylvania State championships.

June 18—Philadelphia Cricket Club, women's championship of the United States, singles, doubles and mixed doubles; Eastern sectional doubles. September 10—Merion Cricket Club, Haverford, intercollegiate championship of the United States.

MISS OLGA DORFNER SETS ANOTHER RECORD

Philadelphia Girl Wins National 100-Yard Event in 1 Minute 7 3-5 Seconds

Swimming in excellent form, Miss Olga Dorfner, of the Philadelphia Turgrundeine, America's premier amateur swimming champion, won the 100 yards national swimming championships title last night in the Turgrundeine pool.

Gertrude Artelt, P. T. G., was second, and Bessie Ryan, First Regiment swimming pool, third. Miss Dorfner led throughout the entire five lengths of the pool, touching each end of the tank a comfortable distance ahead of Miss Artelt, her nearest competitor.

Elizabeth Becker, of the Philadelphia Turgrundeine, won the fancy diving, beating out her teammate Helen Pennyacker, in the line-up. White is one of the smoothest divers ever located at third by Franklin Field.

Yes, Sammy Moore, captain and third baseman of the Penn nine last year, is still in college and oh, yes, he's out for the team.

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